

## State Youth Council Meeting

July 16, 2004

Limon, Colorado

I. Attendees: Ann Baker, Nicole Barden, Melody Bolton, Sue Schierkolk, Walter Worthy, Jonathan Tillman, Julie Berge, Danny Sisneros, Caren Swales, Dani Crane, Samantha O'Neill, Aron Diaz, Steve Wright, Les Watkins, Erin Jones, Debi Holloman, Diane , Randy Jackson, Deborah Bristol

II. June Minutes reviewed, motion by Ann Baker to approve, seconded by Melody, motion passed.

### III. Proposal Recommendations

Ann Baker reviewed activities from July 9. See attached.

Motion to approve recommendation of the review committee to fund 8 projects, under the condition that the additional information requested on a few specific projects is received within 10 business days (OWD staff will send out clarification letters to the regions in question) by Sue, seconded by Samantha. Dani and Danny abstained from voting.

#### A. Grant Workshops (spin off idea from proposal review)

During the proposal review process, it was unanimously recommended that grant writing workshops should be offered to the workforce regions prior to the receipt of proposals next year.

Motion to approve SYC 2005 grant workshop idea, seconded by Sue. Motion approved. Discussion – Ann – described further how the workshops might be developed, around the PGL itself as well as general topics such as demonstrating ideas in a measurable way, tracking with data, etc. Also, it was suggested that the entire grant writing staff at the WFC's should attend.

B. Budget Discussion – Julie was unclear about the beginning budget, numbers were clarified. Also the two-year projects were funded at a one-year level to allow funding of additional projects. Second year funding will be determined based on the progress of the grants.

Dani – will NFA's (notice of funding availability) go out immediately, or do they have to wait for the Adult reviews also? Julie will check status.

#### C. PY05 PGL Statement

The SYC wanted to make a recommendation that the next youth PGL would have mandatory business commitments.

Ann – Motion that the PY05 include a business commitment (\$, letter of support, etc, sustainability, and how other regions can replicate), Sue seconded, motion passed.

#### IV. Summer Job Hunt

37000 in system (registered, receiving service, under 21 years old), 3600 - 3700 employed. Down about 500 from last year.

#### V. Youth Transition Grant

The first year of activity is nearly over, and a planning meeting is coming up on July 28 where a review of 1<sup>st</sup> year resource mapping & focus group data will occur with the advisory group. Also in attendance will be the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 local sites, with their data. There will be representation from many agencies, parents, youth with disabilities, etc.

#### VI. Membership Committee

##### A. Membership/By-Laws Update

Sue passed out membership by category handout. 8 Categories represented, and each member labeled accordingly.

Currently 21 members, 20 voting.

Need to change bylaws to expand voting member rules.

A motion was made by Sue to amend bylaws at next meeting when a quorum is present to increase the # of voting members, second by Samantha, motion passed.

##### B. Summary of "Role of Youth on the SYC" Call

Sue went over the details from the call on July 13 where the role of youth on the youth council was discussed. Handout passed out.

##### C. New Member Review

A new application was received for Kevin Jonell, reviewed by membership committee.

Motion by Julie to approve Kevin Jonell as a voting member, seconded by Caren, motion passed. Kevin approved as a new voting member. SYC staff will send a letter to welcome the new member.

Discussion – we should open up the youth category to “at risk” rather than just WIA.

Ann – no heavy meeting requirements, the kids’ time is more valuable than to be attending monthly meetings for 6 months (they should be in school or working). The youth focus should be very interactive and limited to activities that will enhance their skills.

Bylaws may also have to be amended (review in August).

Regular attendance at meetings should be at the mentor’s discretion, based on the activities of the SYC and the youth’s schedule & commitments through school or work.

*\*\*Nicole will be developing a brochure/application at a later date.*

#### V. Travel

Ann – Pepnet Annual Conference, 9/13 – 9/15, in DC. Ann would like to represent the council, and wanted to see if SYC could fund or partially fund her trip. Sue mentioned

sending a youth as well. Website is:  
[www.nyec.org/pepnetreg/inst2003/pepnet\\_institute.asp](http://www.nyec.org/pepnetreg/inst2003/pepnet_institute.asp)  
Aron – a business member should be solicited as well.

Melody made a motion to send/register Ann to the conference, seconded by Julie (approx \$750.00). Motion approved.

Fuel for Performance, Region IV Youth Development Summit in OK City, August 24-26.  
Danny S. is already going and will report to the council.

JobCorps is sending youth as well. Sue made motion to cover Nicole's cost in full, half of the cost of Leadville, Glenwood, and chaperone from JobCorps. Melody seconded.  
Discussion – we need an email/official request (to Aron at: [aron.diaz@state.co.us](mailto:aron.diaz@state.co.us)). Julie will follow up on the Leadville/Glenwood situation, Caren will follow up for Nicole.

Open Discussion:

Set next meetings: August 20, 9 am, Adams County. October 22 next, location tbd.  
Do new member orientation prior to August meeting?

Meeting adjourned 12:25.